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California National Guard Soldiers Return from Kosovo

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – 390 soldiers from various units of the 40th Infantry Division will return home Sunday, January 22, from a 12 month tour of duty in Kosovo. These units were part of Kosovo Force (KFOR), a NATO-led international force responsible for establishing and maintaining security in Kosovo.

Working out of Camp Bondsteel, their primary mission was to conduct peace keeping and humanitarian support operations to promote stability and security within the region. During their time in Kosovo these California Guardsmen participated in over 13,000 security patrols with the Serbian and Montenegrin Armed Forces as well as with several other NATO allies.

Homecoming ceremonies will take place in the following locations:

9:00 a.m. - Los Alamitos, Bldg 6

10:30 a.m. - Ontario National Guard Armory, 950 Cucamonga Ave, Ontario, Calif

Soldiers will also be arriving in small numbers to the following airports on the 22nd:

San Francisco: 2:00 p.m. – six soldiers, United Airlines,

San Jose: 2:42, 4:28 p.m. – 11 soldiers, Alaska Airlines,

Sacramento: 2:56 p.m. – 16 soldiers, Alaska Airlines,

Redding: 4:35 p.m. – six soldiers, Alaska Airlines,

Redding: 4:51 p.m. – 12 soldiers, United Airlines,

Fresno: 5:25 p.m. - 12 soldiers, Alaska Airlines,

Monterey: 7:43, 7:57, and 11:16 p.m. – 15 soldiers, United Airlines,

Modesto: 8:28 p.m. – 10 soldiers, United Airlines,

San Luis Obispo: 10:14 p.m. – Six soldiers, United Airlines,

San Diego: 10:33 p.m. – 45 soldiers, American Airlines

Family and friends are expected at each location to attend this highly anticipated return of California National Guard soldiers. Additional ceremonies to honor the soldiers will be held at a later date and the general public will be invited to attend at that time.

Media is invited to attend and for more information should contact public affairs personnel listed at the top of this release for additional information.